Virginia Board of Pharmacy

Requirement for Non-resident Pharmacies to Submit Most Recent Inspection Form

The Board of Pharmacy may issue a permit to a non-resident pharmacy that meets requirements of law and regulation, including the submission of an inspection report satisfactory to the Board. The law (Code of Virginia) provides:

§ 54.1-3434.1. Nonresident pharmacies to register with Board.

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As a prerequisite to registering with the Board, the nonresident pharmacy shall submit a copy of the most recent inspection report resulting from an inspection conducted by the regulatory or licensing agency of the state in which it is located. The inspection report shall be deemed current if the inspection was conducted within the past five years. However, if the nonresident pharmacy has not been inspected by the regulatory or licensing agency of the jurisdiction in which it is licensed within the past five years, the Board may accept an inspection report or other documentation from another entity that is satisfactory to the Board or the Board may cause an inspection to be conducted by its duly authorized agent and may charge an inspection fee in an amount sufficient to cover the costs of the inspection.

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For the purpose of compliance with the requirement for such a report, the Board offers the following guidance:

An application without an inspection report will be deemed incomplete and a registration will not be issued until such time as a report or other acceptable documentation is produced. Inspection reports from the following entities will be deemed acceptable alternatives to an inspection by the licensing or regulatory agency of jurisdiction or its own agent:

The National Association of Boards of Pharmacy (NABP)
Joint Commission for the Accreditation of Health Care Organizations (JCAHO)

Notwithstanding submission of an inspection report from a source acceptable to the Board, the Board may deny an application on the grounds that the applicant failed to comply with applicable laws or regulations. The applicant would have an opportunity for a hearing before a committee of the Board.